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**Serial No.:** 09/ 450,023      **Group Art Unit:** 3624  
**Filed:** November 29, 1999      **Examiner:** Daniel S. Felten  
**Invention:** "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OBTAINING LOWEST  
BID FROM INFORMATION PRODUCT VENDORS"

AMENDMENT A

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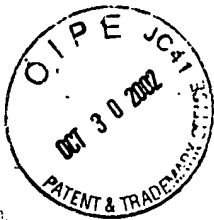
1. (Once Amended) A method for [competitive] bidding by vendors of customized goods or services, comprising steps of:

receiving a vendor record [from at least one of said vendors], said vendor record having [a] vendor identifier data representing a vendor, and a vendor capability data identifying a capability of said vendor to provide a customized goods or services;

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